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POLICY LETTER 05-02

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: POLICY ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE
ABOARD THE COMBAT CENTER

Ref: (a) MCO P11240.106B
(b) MCO 5110.1C
(c) DoD Directive 5525.4

1. The purpose of this Policy Letter is to prohibit cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle aboard the Combat Center. Reference (a) already prohibits the use of cell phones while operating a government vehicle. References (b) and (c) give the Commanding General authority to establish vehicular traffic rules and regulations for the Combat Center. I have determined that using cell phones while operating a motor vehicle, government or private, aboard the Combat Center is unsafe. It is an unnecessary distraction for drivers creating a danger to persons and property.

2. Effective 1 January 2003, I have directed the following measures to take effect:

a. Military Police will cite persons aboard the Combat Center using cell phones while operating any motor vehicle.

b. Mandatory traffic court appearance for all violations of this policy occurring aboard the Combat Center. Those who fail to appear will have their Combat Center driving privileges suspended for 7 days.

c. All second offense violators will receive a suspension of Combat Center driving privileges for 7 days.

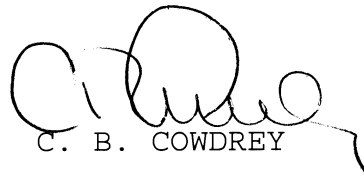
d. Commanders and directors will familiarize themselves with the references and become personally involved with traffic safety. The Provost Marshal's Office and Center Safety of the

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Inspector Division are available to conduct traffic safety classes. The California Highway Patrol will also assist the Combat Center with traffic safety education.

3. The prohibition against cell phone use does not apply when a microphone/speaker device is used that leaves the driver's hands free to drive.

4. All Marine and civilian leaders are "Safety Officers" and I expect each to become an educator and assist with the enforcement of our traffic safety regulations. It's a team effort!



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